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Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit

The Peacebuilding Commission

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/60/L.40

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

I. Requests contained in the draft resolution

1. Under the terms of operative paragraph 1 of draft resolution A/60/L.40, the General Assembly would decide, acting concurrently with the Security Council, in accordance with articles 7, 22 and 29 of the Charter of the United Nations, with a view to operationalizing the decision by the World Summit, to establish the Peacebuilding Commission as an intergovernmental advisory body. By operative paragraphs 2 to 22 of the draft resolution, the Assembly would also decide on the functions, composition and procedures of the Peacebuilding Commission.

2. Under the terms of operative paragraph 23, the General Assembly would reaffirm its request to the Secretary-General to establish, within the Secretariat, from within the existing resources, a small peacebuilding support office staffed by qualified experts to assist and support the Peacebuilding Commission and would recognize in that regard that such support could include gathering and analysing information relating to the availability of financial resources, relevant United Nations in-country planning activities, progress towards meeting short and medium-term recovery goals and best practices with respect to cross-cutting peacebuilding issues.

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II. Programmatic and resource implications

3. As regards the conference-servicing of the Peacebuilding Commission during the biennium 2006-2007, it is estimated that additional resources in the amount of $2,181,600 would be required under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007.

4. The estimated costs of the establishment and the functioning of the peacebuilding support office for the biennium 2006-2007 amount to $4,175,200, under section 3, Political affairs, and $645,600 under section 35, Staff assessment, to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment.

5. Detailed information on the programmatic and resource implications on the above two components pertaining to the Peacebuilding Commission are presented in paragraphs 19, and 40 to 43, respectively, of the report of the Secretary-General containing revised estimates to sections of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 related to the 2005 World Summit Outcome (A/60/537).

III. Summary

6. **Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/60/L.40, additional resource requirements amounting to $7,002,400 would arise under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management ($2,181,600), section 3, Political affairs ($4,175,200), and section 35, Staff assessment ($645,600), to be offset by the same amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment. These provisions have been included in the report on the 2005 World Summit Outcome: revised estimates to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 (A/60/537), which is currently under consideration by the General Assembly.**